

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; attorney, admitted to the following courts: Somerset County in August 1749; Worcester County by June 1769. He was also engaged in mercantile activity and directed his executors to sell and dispose "of every matter I have in Trade"; in partnership with *Josiah Polk* (?-1784) and *Gillis Polk* (?-1793) in the building of a sawmill and gristmill at the head of the Wicomico River. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1771 (Grievances), 1773-1774 (elected, but did not attend). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Littleton Dennis had extensive landholdings in both Somerset and Worcester counties, and although his actual residence was probably in Worcester County, his acreage in Somerset County was sufficient to qualify him for election from that county. LOCAL OFFICES: prosecutor of his lordship's pleas, Somerset County, appointed 1753; deputy commissary, Somerset County, sworn 1763; Coventry Parish Vestry, Somerset and Worcester counties, in office 1763, 1767, 1774. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 4,925 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties, plus 232 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties held jointly with other people (at least 1,190 acres obtained from his father and at least 3,445 acres by patent or purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 550 acres in 1772 and sold 600 acres in 1773, all in Worcester County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 6, 1774, in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £10,270.19.7 current money (including 51 slaves, 171 oz. 8 dwt. 8 gr. plate, law books, other books, two-thirds interest in a schooner, and 2 sloops). LAND: 4,875 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties, plus 232 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties owned jointly with other people.

**DENT, GEORGE** (1690-1754). BORN: on September 27, 1690, at "Nanjemoy," Charles County; second surviving son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), son of *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630-1676). MOTHER: *Elizabeth* (?-1698/99), daughter of *Gerard Fowke* (1625-1669). STEPMOTHER: *Sarah*, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). She subsequently married *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744), son of *Richard Lee II*, of Virginia. BROTHERS: *Thomas Dent* (1685-1725); *William* (1687-1695); *Gerard* (?-died young); *Peter* (1694-?); and *Philip* (?-died young). SISTERS: *Elizabeth* (1688-1699); *Anne* (1692-?); and *Elizabeth* (1699-?). MARRIED in

1713 *Anne* (?-1764), daughter of *William Harbert* (?-1718). CHILDREN. SONS: *George Dent* (?-1785); *John Dent, of George* (ca. 1733-1809). DAUGHTERS: *Elizabeth*, who married first, *William Penn*, and second, *Richard Harrison* (?-1780); *Ann*, who married first, *Gilbert Ireland*, and second, *Maj.* (first name unknown) *Sweeney*; *Sarah*; *Rebecca* (1714-died young); *Letty* (*Letitia*), who married first, *Kenelm Truman Stoddert*, and second, *Peter DeJean*; *Mary*, who married *Gerard Alexander*; *Eleanor*, who married first, *John Blakiston*, second, *Alexander McFarland* (*McParling*), and third, *Dr. James Bayard*; *Margaret*, who married *Kenelm Truman Greenfield*; and *Rebecca* (1735-1770), who married *Thomas Hanson Marshall* (1731-1801). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, member of Christ Church, Nanjemoy, Charles County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1719; Esq., 1730; Hon., 1730; OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1719-1721/22, 1722-1724 (Laws 1-3), 1725-1727 (Laws 1-4). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: justice, Provincial Court, 1728-1735, 1738-1754 (quorum, 1732-1735, 1738-1754; chief justice, 1754); judge, Assize Court, Western Shore, 1733-1735, 1738-at least 1740, 1747-at least 1749. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, 1715-at least 1728 (quorum, 1728); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, commissioned 1718, 1720, 1731, 1733, 1734, 1743, 1744, 1745, and 1750; sheriff, Charles County, 1735-1738; school visitor, Charles County, dates of service unknown; *William and Mary Parish Vestry*, *St. Mary's County*, dates of service unknown. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, militia, 1726; called "colonel," by 1737. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,566 acres in Charles County (1,066 acres inherited from his father, at least 500 acres from his wife's dower). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 843 acres in Charles and Prince George's counties, 1724-1737. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 12, 1754, in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £714.7.9 (including 23 slaves). LAND: 2,955 acres in Charles and Prince George's counties.

**DENT, GEORGE** (?-1785). BORN: on his father's plantation near Pope's Creek, Charles County, of age by 1750. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: on a plantation on Pope's Creek, Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *George Dent* (1690-1754), son of *William Dent* (ca. 1660-